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ON SOUND FOOTING.

There is no one, perhaps, who is in a better position to judge of the present and future possibilities of this region than W. P. Davidson, president and principal stock holder of the Oregon Western Colonization company. The very magnitude of his holdings here in Oregon are sufficient proof of his faith in the ultimate future of this region.

But that is not the only means he has of gauging the future. Traveling over the entire North and West, from St. Paul to Portland many times each year, and thru his association with the great railroad interests with all their ramifications constantly studying the economic forces which effect the prosperity of the country he is in a position to reach conclusions far in advance of the ordinary citizen.

When, therefore, he expresses an opinion it is worthy of deep consideration, especially when that opinion is backed by great investments on his part.

Mr. Davidson believes that some day Ontario will be the great feeding market of the interior of Oregon. In his opinion it should have reached that place ere this. It is his belief, backed by the fact that during the past ten months fifty different buyers have purchased 117 sections of land, that this is to be one of the greatest stock raising sections of the west, and that some place must be secured to finish off the cattle and sheep and prepare them for the market. Naturally Ontario and the lower Malheur valley is the ideal place in his estimation.

Translated into future possibilities for the ranchers near Ontario this means the presence here of a permanent market for all the hay that can be grown in the Malheur valley. A great market of that dimension means a stability of prices on which the ranchers can make a tangible and substantial profit. It means a permanent and an abiding prosperity for everyone.

Excellent as is the authority of such a man as Mr. Davidson, his belief is not unsupported by others. For during the past few weeks men engaged in the stock business on a large scale have acted upon that belief. The sale of the five thousand head of cattle to the Oregon Western Colonization company and the recent announcement of the Malheur Land & Livestock company to the Oregon Western Colonization company are evidence of the confidence which these men have in the future of this region.

To the credit of the authorities that these men have faith in the future of this region, the fact that the Oregon Western Colonization company has been successful in securing the Malheur land is evidence of the confidence which these men have in the future of this region. The fact that the Oregon Western Colonization company has been successful in securing the Malheur land is evidence of the confidence which these men have in the future of this region.

A FAULTY PROBLEM.

To one born in another every community, from its infancy, has its faults. In the early days of the west and west problem. Ontario cannot escape it and many of the thoughtful citizens believe that the city has the problem before it now.

There is no form of conservation that should so command the attention of right thinking men and women as that of conserving the youth of the land. There is no investment which will pay higher dividends in the coin of happiness than that of saving boys and girls from the paths of error. To receive those dividends in their highest form it is better to take time by the forelock and provide means of

directing the energies of the young men and women of the city toward right channels before other influences have started to tear them down.

The problem is how to secure the proper means. The suggestion has been made that a gymnasium of some sort should be provided where the boys and girls can employ their idle hours to advantage, but such an institution would cost a large sum of money. More than the well to do generous citizens of the community could reasonably be called upon to provide.

What then could be done. If such an institution is needed, and The Argus believes it is, how can the city obtain it? And after it is secured how can it be maintained? These are the questions to which the citizens must address themselves.

No city of Ontario's class can maintain a Y. M. C. A. or similar institution on the usual plan of popular subscription and membership fees. It must have a more stable foundation than that. It must be broader in its scope. It must reach all those who need it and that a Y. M. or a Y. W. C. A. does not. In a word a community center is the thing needed, one that will be open all the time and furnish recreations for all classes at all times.

The Argus believes that such an institution should be an integral portion of the public school system and be under the supervision of the school authorities. This would not only insure proper care of the building and equipment, but would give those in charge the authority of law to compel the observation of rules and regulations, without which a successful institution could not be operated.

The scope of the work of such an institution is a matter that could not be decided upon off hand. A great deal depends on the results desired. There are innumerable plans which suggest themselves, from industrial work to purely recreational activities. The plan that would suit Ontario best, the Argus would not presume to say. It might require experiments to fully determine, however, in view of the many public spirited and progressive citizens of this community, such an institution is a matter that could not be decided upon off hand. A great deal depends on the results desired. There are innumerable plans which suggest themselves, from industrial work to purely recreational activities. The plan that would suit Ontario best, the Argus would not presume to say. It might require experiments to fully determine, however, in view of the many public spirited and progressive citizens of this community, such an institution is a matter that could not be decided upon off hand.

THE CITY IN DEBT.

Last week the Argus carried a statement of the city treasurer for the year 1916 and 1917. It was found that the people might have an opportunity of seeing where the city was indebted, and it was found that the city was indebted to the people for the year 1916 and 1917.

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system in use at Payette in an effort to increase the efficiency of the money expended.

Ontario cannot afford to take a backward step on the question of street lighting. A brightly illuminated street marks the difference between a live, up to date community and one that is just marking time. Ontario is not in the latter class. The only question to determine is whether or not the present system is the one which gives the most for the money spent. If a better system can be found it should be adopted and for that reason the council is looking into the matter this time.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given: That the City Council of the City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon, did at its regular adjourned meeting held November 7th, 1916, consider and pass a resolution declaring that an General City Election shall be held in the City of Ontario on the first Monday in December 1916, to-wit: December 4th, 1916, for the purpose of electing three councilmen for the term of two years and two councilmen for the term of one year:

Appointing S. F. Taylor, D. P. Dearborn and Mrs. Maude Glenn as judges of said election, and E. M. Greig and Pauline Billingsley as clerks of said election.

Designating that said election be held at the City Hall in the City of Ontario, on the aforesaid date to-wit: December 4th, A. D. 1916, the polls to be opened at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to remain open until seven o'clock p. m. except one hour from 12 o'clock noon until one o'clock p. m. and in all things and respects to be held as by law provided:

Recommending to the electors of the City that a Nominating Caucus be held at the City Hall at eight p. m. of Friday, November 24th, 1916, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the aforesaid offices.

Done and dated this 10th day of November, 1916.

By Order of the City Council.
Attest: CLAY M. STEARNS,
(SEAL) City Recorder.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WORK TO BE PLACED ON STRONG BASIS.

Heretofore the county agricultural agent has been with a very definite purpose of organization. He has had to outline his own work, find volunteers for the demonstration, and in fact try to please a thousand people, many of whom did not understand the nature of the work.

The Malheur County Agricultural agent has now been organized. It is composed of a number of farmers throughout the county, most of whom are members of organizations, and it is through their cooperation that most of the work must be done.

The following men met and organized:

K. M. Dean, Nyssa, Oregon, president; A. G. Klinton, Nyssa, Oregon, vice president; W. H. Van Dyke, Nyssa, Oregon, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Anderson, Ontario, Malheur County Agricultural agent; L. W. Lown, Ontario, Oregon, and E. H. Hines, Big Bend.

Several other members were not present.

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BUSINESS MEN GUESTS

AT OREGON CLUB SPREE

Ontario business men threw dull care to the winds Wednesday evening and enjoyed themselves until midnight at the smoker given for them by the Oregon club. There was not a dull minute during the evening. The club's orchestra composed of Messrs. Turner, Beamguard, Bruning and Shimek opened the program and gave several selections during the evening. P. J. Gallagher and Maneman staged a three round bout and the former displayed his versatility by presenting a monolog as did Chet Lackey. The club's "harmonizers" Turner, Brown and Riddle did the barber shop chord on several occasions to the enjoyment of the crowd. Following a welter lunch trimmed with coffee, cards were played until District Attorney W. H. Brooke and Marshall Harry Farmer were "detected" gambling and arrested by the club policemen.

On being tried before Judge C. M. Stearns they were declared guilty and sentenced to a three round boxing match which they performed in Gibbons and Lee D'Arcy style. The jury which found them guilty consisted of S. D. Dorman, foreman, A. L. Cockrum, David Dunbar, D. L. Taggart, P. J. Gallagher prosecuted the case while Sam Cream and G. K. Aiken attempted to defend the action.

President Riddle of the club during the evening announced that the club would undertake to inaugurate a "good fellowship" movement at Christmas time.

SHALL ONTARIO HAVE A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Two meetings of the Commercial club were held in the past week. A special meeting last Friday considered the matter of resurfacing the road to the bridge and several other matters. The regular meeting on Monday night drew but a few members who discussed the question of holding a community Christmas tree and named A. F. Riddle and G. K. Aiken as a committee to sound the sentiment of the people on the question.

The railroad committee of the club has been active for some time in seeking a daily train service to Crane. To that end a petition has been forwarded to the officials of the O. R. L. and the company has also been asked to provide better train service to Homedale.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the friends and neighbors who gave to great help and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear one, Walter Guy Thompson, we extend our warmest thanks. For the loving thought shown by the many beautiful floral offerings we are also sincerely thankful.

MRS. URSULA THOMPSON,
MRS. W. GUY THOMPSON,
MR. AND MRS. F. ZELLER.

Don't forget the Congregation al ladies aid handkerchief and guest towel bazaar at the Ontario Furniture windows Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2. Everybody come. adv 46 and 47

For economy use Standard patterns at the Millinery & Art Store. adv 46

Use Royal Society embroidery and holl-proof colors on the market. Millinery thread. Absolutely the only Millinery & Art Store. adv 46

Just what you want in new stamped goods at the Millinery & Art Store. adv 46

HAVE YOUR CLOTHES PRESSED THE UP TO DATE WAY

NO— Scorching Burning or Glossing
YES— Lasting Creases Uniform Finish and Perfect Shaping
Bring your suit and see how it is done or phone and I'll get it.

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DREAMLAND

Jesse L. Lasky presents
Blanche Sweet
in "The Ragamuffin"
Saturday, Nov. 25

Rolfe Photoplays, Inc. presents
the gifted star Lionel Barrymore
and the magnetic young actress
Marguerite Skirvin
in "The Quitter"
Sunday, Nov. 26

Two Triangle Plays
"Fatty and Mabel Adrift" and
"The Corner"
Monday, Nov. 27

Daniel Frohman presents
Pauline Frederick
in "The Spider"
Wednesday, Nov. 29

DREAMLAND

Health Officer Makes Statement Approving Methods at Griffin Dairy

I wish to call the attention of the public to the following statement by City Health Officer, Dr. H. H. Whitney, which is self-explanatory and indicates what I have accomplished in my effort to give Ontario the purest of milk.

D. C. GRIFFIN.

Statement of Health Officer:

"As Mr. D. C. Griffin, proprietor of the Griffin Dairy, has fully and freely conformed to the health ordinances of the city and as there is not now, in my judgment, any danger of his milk acting as a disease carrier, he is now given full permission to sell and distribute his milk as formerly.

"Mr. Griffin has put in a new deep well of the purest water and has moved his dairy to higher land away from the region formerly occupied by it. These precautions, together with his care in handling the milk should enable him to supply milk which is pure, sweet and clean."

DR. H. H. WHITNEY,
City Health Officer.

Pure Dried
Improved Chester
White...

HOGS

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Some open Gilts.

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At the right price.

W. H. TUNNEY,
OWNER

At the Oregon Packing Co.